

FEBRUARY 19, 2008  
ANDOVER TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairperson Helene Reczka with the following members present: Mike Morel, Barbara Niedzinski and Jodi Halteman. Patti Clark, Dick Lagg and Ed Burgio were absent.

OPENING STATEMENT: The Vice Chair noted compliance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 as being met.

MINUTES: Mike Morel made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2008. Barbara Niedzinski seconded the motion, all in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: It was noted that there was no one present from the public. The meeting was closed to the public at this time. Should members of the public join the meeting in progress, they will be given the opportunity to be heard from.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT:

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| 1. | NJHerald & Daily Record & Star Ledger | 2008 Meeting Resolution  |
| 2. | Mayor and Township Committee          | Memo and draft resolution re amending rental fee schedule for Hillside Park Hall - After this was reviewed and considered at the Township Committee Meeting changes were made and a final copy of the resolution is attached |
| 3. | Mayor and Township Committee          | Memo re changes in membership  |
| 4. | Liaison Tom Walsh                     | Info to be included in committee reports at Township meeting re Recreation Committee business  |
| 5. | Aerobics Participants                 | Memo and registration for spring session   |
| 6. | NJ Herald                             | Notice re postponement of meeting  |

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Township Clerk Letters and oaths for members (Ed Burgio, Jodi Halteman, Patti Clark)
2. Celine Martin - US Sports Email and info re tennis and summer programs 2008
3. Lisa Greebel and Brian Robinson Application for volunteer for Recreation Committee membership - At this time we have 1 opening for Alternate #3 - Lisa was invited to attend our February meeting

We reviewed Correspondence Sent. At this time, Jodi Halteman made a motion to file Correspondence Sent. Barbara Niedzinski seconded the motion, all in favor.

At this time Joanne Browne, Senior Program Director at the Sussex County YMCA gave a presentation to the members present. We are interested in having programs offered by the Y and offered at our sites. We will have our newly renovated building as well as our barn available for these programs. A proposal included the following programs to be offered April 28th - June 15th - At 9:00 am - 9:45 am -Feeling Fit Exercise Class for Seniors; At 10:00 am -10:45 am -Adult Exercise Class; At 11:00 am - 11:30 am - Music and Movement (walking-2 yrs); At 11:45 am - 12:30 pm - Tumbling Class (3-5 yrs); At 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm - Kinder Kickers (4-5 yrs).

The goal is to offer scheduled health and wellness and recreation activities for the residents of Andover Township and to service YMCA members in the area. All programs will be run by the staff of the SC YMCA and will run for 7 week sessions. The YMCA will provide the equipment for classes and will require storage space. The day planned for these classes at this time is a Friday. Based on program needs and growth, additional daytime programming will be offered. Evening programming can also be scheduled if requested. The program is administered by the YMCA. The fees for the program would be based on either residency in Andover Township or YMCA membership. Pre-registration will be required for all classes and minimum registration must be met in order for the classes to run.

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Other towns that offer these programs at their sites include Fredon, Frankford and Branchville. The program that was outlined for us is copied after the one now taking place in Fredon. The ratio for young kids programs is +/- 1:8/1:10. There would be a need of 6 to 8 kids registered per class for it to be run. We could check with the area pre-schools to see what times their sessions begin and end to make sure that we don't conflict with our start times. Perhaps we could hold a mini-session of the programs to see how well they are accepted before we actually commit. The pricing for these similar programs being run in Fredon is \$50-\$60 for adults/\$40-\$50 for kids per session. If the renovation of the old police headquarters is not complete by the targeted date, we would have to try to move these programs to the barn and we would definitely have to go with another day of the week instead of Friday due to that being one of our popular rental days for the building.

The Recreation Committee members appreciated the presentation and are looking forward to having the YMCA programs in our township.

At this time Jodi Halteman made a motion to file Correspondence Received. Mike Morel seconded the motion, all in favor.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Update on activities planned for 2008: We need to change the date of the Adult Dance from April 4th to the 11th. April 4th is the date of the Andover Regional Talent Show and we do not want to be in conflict with that activity. The DJ is available on April 11th so there is no problem with the date change. We will discuss the details of the dance at the next meeting.

We also decided to move the Family Fun Day from July 12th to May 31st. May 31st opened up for our use due to a cancellation of a rental on that day. The May date should work out for us as it is after the usual Communion dates and before graduations. We can keep July 12th as a back up date if we should need it. The day's activities would include: Annual contests (Little Ms/Mr. Andover Twp.; Ms Andover Twp.; Talent Search); live music, entertainment geared to the children and food. We will discuss details of this day's activities at the next meeting.

We will be changing the format for our annual Summer Recreation Program this year. We will go to a longer day 9-12 and hold it for 2 weeks (Mon.-Thurs.). Wendy Eehalt, Fun and Games Director and Janet Bardello, Arts and Crafts Director, as well as the youth counselors that work the program are all supportive of this change. We will make a program schedule to be reviewed at the next meeting. A suggestion was made to have Zak the Magician back again this summer to entertain the kids. The dates for the program will be Monday, June 23rd - Thursday, July 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Easter Egg Hunt: We will have our next meeting the week prior to the Easter Egg Hunt which is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th at 12 noon at Hillside Park. We need a new Easter Bunny suit and we are hopeful that the scouts will be helping us fill the 1,000 plus eggs with candy. We will try something new this year by marking some eggs as "specials" by putting a ticket inside. The children that find those eggs will then turn them in to receive the "special gift". We should try approximately 3 specials per age group. We will finalize plans for Easter Egg Hunt at next meeting.

Jodi Halteman brought the idea of establishing an "Andover Scrapbook Club". This is something we can discuss at the next meeting. We will need to know what the needs would be such as space and date and time for scheduling this in either the barn or old police headquarters.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Feb. 29th - Andover Reg. Ed. Fdtn. - Wine Tasting Fund Raiser - Fee - \$100.00
2. March 1st - Dana Kelly - Party - Fee - \$300.00
3. March 8th - Pat Hannemann - Party - Fee - \$300.00
4. March 15th - SCMarine Corps - American Legion - Dinner/Dance - Fee - \$100.00
5. April 26th - Lorraine Mucha - Baby Shower - Fee - \$300.00
6. May 2nd - Newton HS Project Graduation Fund Raiser - Fee - \$100.00
7. May 17th - Patrick Dock - Graduation Party - Fee - \$300.00
8. June 2nd - Redeemer Preschool - Picnic/Park Only - No Fee (rain date - June 4th)
10. June 29th - Stephen Brennan - Family Reunion - Fee - \$300.00
11. Aug. 2nd - Di Renzo Family - Reunion - Fee - \$1,000.00
12. Aug. 9th - Joan Hennion - Wedding Reception - Fee - \$300.00
13. Nov. 1st - NHS Wrestling Booster Club - Dinner Dance - \$100.00
14. Aug. 4th - DiRenzo Family - Picnic/Reunion - Fee - \$550.00

ADJOURNMENT:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, Mike Morel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. It was seconded by Barbara Niedzinski. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Helene Reczka Chairperson

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Jackie Huelbig, Secretary